(d) whether it is also a fact that data in respect to sales turnover has not been provided in the report;

(e) what is the latest position of each representation and whether Kelkar Committee has communicated their views on these representations; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (f) A large number of representations were received against the recommendations of the Kelkar Committee which were forwarded to the Committee. The supplementary report recently submitted by the Committee is under examination.

Drugs for wholesale price index

1386. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3293 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd August, 1988 and state:

(a) what was the wholesale price index of medicines in the month of August, 1987 and for the year ending August, 1988;

(b) what are the drugs included in the basket of wholesale price index and what percentage they represent of the total sale of medicines in the country;

(c) whether major consumed drugs like Trimethoprim, Sulphamethoxazole, Ibuprofien, Metronidazole, Ampicillin, Betamethasone, Dexamethasone, Rifampicin, Ethambutol etc. have been included in the basket;

(d) when was the list of drugs in the basket drawn up and how many drugs have become obsolete;

(e) what is the production of each drug during the last three years yearwise;

(f) what are the reasons for noninclusion of essential and major selling drugs in the basket; and

(g) by when the same will be included?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The required details to the extent available are given at statement-I [*see* below].

(b) The required details to the extent available are given at statement-II [*see* below].

(d) The exsting list was drawn in January, 1977.

(e) The required details in the question are quite voluminous and are not readily available. The time and effort required for collection of these will not be commensurate with the result likely to be achieved.

(c), (f) and (g) The selection of the items that figure in the commodity basket of the existing WP I series (base 1970-71) was done by a working group set up for the purpose of revision of WP I series in the office of the Economic Adviser.

Statement-I

Wholesale Price Index (*Base:* 1970-71-100)

Items	August, 87	Average Index during the year ending August 1988
Drugs & Medicines	209.5	245.2
(1) Bulk Drugs	294.8	324.6
(2) Formulations	186.8	224.0

Statement—II

List of Medicines whose prices are utilized in the compilation of the wholesale price index (Base 1970-71=100)

Drugs & Medicines

Formulations

1. Penicillin G Sodium (Potassium 5 lac units)
2. Streptomycin Sulphate IP/B.P. (1 gm)
3. Sulphadiazine Tablet (0.5 gm)
4. Liver Extract (with B-12 and Folic acid)
5. Paraxine Capsules (formulation)
6. Tetracycline Capsules 250 mg.
7. Vitamin A Tablets (Arovit) 50,000 IU
8. Vitamin B-12 Inj. 100 mg.
9. Vitamin C Tabs. 0.2 gm (100 Tabs).
10. Supradin Multivitamin Tablet (100 tabs).
11. PAS Sodium 30 tabs granules
12. Iodochlorohydroxy Quinoline 250 mg.
13. Delta Cortril Forte (Prednisolone) 100 mg. tab.
14. Tolbutamide 0.5 gm. tabs. 10x10
15. Chloroquin Phosphate Resochin tabs.
16. Isoniazid Tabs. (INH 100 mg.)
17. Tetanus Antitoxin I.P. 1500 IU
18. Comaquin Tabs. 0.2 gm.
19. Insulin I.P. (CEG) 40 unit.

Bulk Drugs

1. Sodium Solicylate I.P.
2. Quinine Sulphate Powder I.P.
3. Benxyl Procaine Penicillin I.P.
4. Streptomycin Sulphate I.P.
5. Chloromphenicol B.P. Power
6. Tetracycline (Hydrochloride)
7. Vitamin A Palmitate MIU/1gm
8. Vitamin B-12 Cyanocobalamin
9. Vitamin C
10. PAS Sodium
11. Amodiaquin H.C.
12. INH.

Amount due on Baralgon

1387. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answers to Unstarred Question 3348 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the difference between the price of Baralgon Ketone allowed in the formulations and the price fixed for the drug by his Ministry as per Affidavits, filled by the Government is Rs. 19925.28 per kg. and on a production of 6.27 tonnes upto 1983, the amount in respect of this drug alone comes to Rs. 12.40 crores;

(b) whether it is a fact that the team assessed the amount due against the company at Rs. 4 crores only;

(c) if so, what are the details of calculations and assessment of dues on Baralgon Ketone;

(d) what are the details of assessment of amount due on each drug; and

(e) what was the production of each drug upto 31st December, 1983 and what is the recovery rate taken by the team in each case?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) The required details, to the extent available, would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.